



BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of the Regular Board of Police Commissioners Meeting Thursday, July 12, 2007

The forum of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners was held on Thursday, July 12, 2007, at 6:30 p.m., at the Chapel Hill Missionary Baptist Church Family and Life Center, 4924 Joy Road, Detroit, Michigan 48204.

ATTENDANCE

Board Members Present

Erminia Ramirez
Dr. Jim Holley
Willie Hampton

Department Personnel Present

AC Ralph Godbee
DC Marshall Lyons
DC Shereece Fleming-Freeman
DC Claudia Barden-Jackson
DC Joyce Motley
DC Chester Logan
DC Jamie Fields
2ND DC John Clark
3RD DC Angela Obey-Young
Cmdr. Leo Powers
Cmdr. Walter Long
Cmdr. John Serda
Cmdr. William Hudson
Cmdr. Benjamin Lee
Cmdr. Troy Quinn
Cmdr. Craig Schwartz
Insp. James Moore
Lt. Jeffrey Romeo
Lt. Debra Fair
Sgt. Daran Carey
Sgt. Dwight Snodgrass

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Sgt. Sherley Bledsoe
P.O. Sophia Nelms
P.O. Melvin Chuney
P.O. Shannon Richardson
P.O. Eric Smith
P.O. Keith Buckman
P.O. Michael Crowder
P.O. Elaine Frankly

Board Staff Present

Dante' L. Goss, Executive Director
Lawana Ducker, Personnel Director
Arnold Sheard, Interim Chief Investigator
Leslie Griffin, Community Relations Coordinator
P.O. Kent Cooper

OTHERS PRESENT

Mable Martin
Frank Malone
Patricia Almond
Lawrence Dotharn
Henrietta Robinson
William E. Booker
Leo Otis Powers
Lt. Debra J. Fair
Susely Bledsoe
Jeffrey Nzoma
A. Jeff Romeo
Mary Simpson
Jim Ward
Sandra Hines

Ruth Barton
Martha Worthy
Dan Lion
Penny Lion
Edith Lee-Payne
Sirod' Dandridge
Patty Taylor
Bill Wellbourne
Christopher Rice
Mary Simpson
Juanita Newton
Kenneth Tate
Ron Scott

RECORDERS

Terence Bell
P.O. Kent Cooper

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Ramirez called the forum of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners to order at 6:40 p.m.

Chairperson Ramirez thanked Rev. R. Lamont Smith and the Chapel Hill Missionary Baptist Church for hosting the community meeting.

Comm. Holley read the duties and responsibilities of the Board of Police Commissioners.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

- Thursday, July 12, 2007

MOTION: **Comm. Holley** made the motion to approve the Agenda.

SECOND: **Comm. Hampton** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chairperson Ramirez asked if there were any additions, corrections or discussions of the minutes for June 28, 2007

Exec. Dir. Goss stated that based on a review of the June 28th minutes, it was discovered that the Open Meeting Act cite for convening a closed door session to discuss a collective bargaining strategy was not stated or recorded. To amend the minutes for such future sessions, cite-MCL 15.268(c)-will be given.

Chairperson Ramirez stated that Community Affairs Coordinator Leslie Griffin is in the process of finishing the Community Fun Day, which will be held on August 4, 2007 at Peterson Play Field. The rainout date is set for August 11, 2007.

- Thursday, June 28, 2007

MOTION: **Comm. Hampton** made the motion to approve the Minutes.

SECOND: **Comm. Holley** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

- Tuesday, July 3, 2007

MOTION: **Comm. Holley** made the motion to approve the Minutes.

SECOND: **Comm. Hampton** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

4. BOPC OFFICER'S REPORT

1. CHAIRPERSON

Approval of the 2006 Annual Report

Chairperson Ramirez stated to the citizens that the Annual Report consists of presentations, resolutions, summary of citizen complaints, as well as the Board's mission statement, history and structure. She further stated that once it is approved, it will be passed on for further approval and then placed on the Board's web site for viewing.

Comm. Holley asked once it is approved where does it go to.

Exec Dir. Goss stated to the Mayor's office.

Comm. Holley asked when would it become public.

Exec Dir. Goss stated after you vote and approve it.

MOTION: **Comm. Holley** made the motion to approve the 2006 Annual Report.

SECOND: **Comm. Hampton** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

2. SECRETARY REPORT

CITIZEN COMPLAINTS RECEIVED

	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
2007 - Weekly Count of Complaints:	37	841
	21% Increase	15% Increase
2006 - Weekly Count of Complaints:	24	715

- The Office of the Chief Investigator has a total of 1,192 active investigations, of which 633 are for 2007.

TOTAL WEEKLY ALLEGATIONS

ARREST	1
DEMEANOR	24
FORCE	1
ENTRY	0
HARASSMENT	3
PROCEDURE	14
PROPERTY	0
SEARCH	0
SERVICE	7

TOTAL 50

COMMANDS

UNKNOWN	10
COMM/OPS	6
SW. DIST	1
CENT. DIST.	4
EAST. DIST.	5
WEST. DIST.	3
NW DIST.	2
TACTICAL	0
NARCOTICS	0
ORG. CRIME	0
HOMICIDE	2
NE. DIST.	0

TOTAL 35

5. PRESENTATION/REPORT-CHIEF OF POLICE

July 12, 2007

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SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS



Narcotics/Gang Enforcement

During the period of July 2, 2007 through July 8, 2007, **Narcotics/Gang Enforcement executed 32 search warrants and 44 street enforcement actions** within the boundaries of the city of Detroit, resulting in the following arrests and confiscations:

- 43 Felony arrests
 - 145 Misdemeanor arrests
 - 8 Juveniles detained
 - 12,753.60 grams of cocaine, 33.3 grams of heroin, 968.10 grams of marijuana and 25,000 pills with a total street value:
 - \$ 5,415,252.40
 - \$ 14,478.00 in U.S. Currency
- Confiscated:
- 17 Handguns

SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT

On July 8th, while on routine patrol, officers of the Southwestern District observed a street robbery in progress. **Due to the officers quick response, the perpetrator was arrested and the victim's stolen items were recovered.**



Engaging the Community

ATTENTION

Citizens wishing to make a police report may do so at the Districts in the city of Detroit. Citizens may also utilize the following District Sub-Stations to make reports.

Location

2151 E. Jefferson
7737 Kercheval
13206 E. Jefferson
19810 Grand River
13530 Lesure
12000 Livernois

Hours of Operation

24 Hours
8 a.m.-8 p.m.
8 a.m.-8 p.m.
8 a.m.-8 p.m.
8 a.m.-8 p.m.
24 Hours

Telephone

596-6400
852-4778
852-5759
935-5322
596-5300
237-2555

"BUILDING A SAFER DETROIT THROUGH COMMUNITY
PARTNERSHIPS"

Detroit Police Department Report to the Board of Police Commissioners

The Detroit Police Department is committed to uphold its mission to provide a safe environment for our residents and businesses. This effort is not possible without the joint commitment of the community and the Police Department. We appreciate and value the role our citizens have played in helping us to take the guns and drugs off the streets of the city of Detroit.

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Special points of interest:

- **Next meeting:**

Thursday, July 19, 2007

@ 3:00 P.M.

**DETROIT POLICE DEPARTMENT
1300 BEAUBIEN ST, SUITE 328A
Detroit, Michigan 48226**

Police / Community Intervention

JULY 12, 2007



NORTHEASTERN DISTRICT

On July 4th, officers of the Northeastern District responded to the 19000 block of John R., on a Breaking & Entering of a Business.” Upon the officers arrival, they observed items removed from the business and a subject attempting to escape through a fence. The subject was arrested and charged with (1) Breaking & Entering and (2) Habitual 2nd Degree.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

On July 4th, officers of the Northwestern District responded to a “Person with Weapons” run in the 18000 block of Lauder, which resulted in an arrest. Subsequent to the investigation conducted by members of Domestic Violence, the subject was charged with (1) Assault with Intent to do Great Bodily Harm, (2) Felonious Assault and (3) Domestic Violence.



NORTHWESTERN DISTRICT

Officers of the Northwestern District apprehended a subject for possession of a stolen motor vehicle, after he disregarded a traffic signal. The subject was later charged with (1) Receiving and Concealing Motor Vehicle, (2) Fleeing and Eluding 3rd degree, (3) Habitual Offender 3rd Degree, and (4) Motor Vehicle Advisory.



WESTERN DISTRICT

On July 3rd, officers assigned to the Western District responded to the 19000 block of Lesure on a “Breaking & Entering” in progress. The subjects were arrested and charged with (1) Malicious Destruction of Property, and (2) Entering Without Owners Permission.



AC Godbee introduced all of the Deputy Chiefs, Commanders, Lieutenants, and Cmdr. Hudson of the Western District.

Cmdr. Hudson introduced Sgt. Bledsoe.

Sgt. Bledsoe introduced the Community Relation Officers of the Western District.

(SEE ATTACHMENT)

AC Goodbee asked Cmdr. Hudson if Don Johnson, President of the Western District Community Relations Council was present.

Cmdr. Hudson stated yes.

D. Johnson stated they are very happy with the Western District Police Community Relations Officers and what they do. The community and the district have come together and they work very hard at making this work.

Chairperson Ramirez asked if there was a CB patrol for the Western District.

D. Johnson stated they are working to bring all the churches in the district together and allow them to become responsible for their geographical areas. The church can be the eyes and ears for the community and a safe place to meet.

Comm. Hampton asked for the boundaries of the Western District.

Cmdr. Hudson stated it is bound by Eight Mile Rd. on North Woodward on the East, West Grand Boulevard on the South and Wyoming to the West. The district consists of one hundred & fifty-five thousand (155,000) citizens.

He further stated that he and Mr. Johnson talked about bringing the community together to be their eyes and ears regarding crime. They are reaching out to other communities groups within the district to see what their needs are. He stated that the Western District's Anti-Crime Walk is set for Saturday, July 14, 2007 at Chapel Hill.

Comm. Hampton asked what is the number one issue regarding crime in the district.

Cmdr. Hudson stated home invasions. He further stated that his Officers are making progress.

Cmdr. Hudson stated that the Western District has a good volunteer program where citizens go to the district and answer the Community Relations' department phones for officers.

AC Godbee stated that the Western District is leading the city in felony arrests as a result of Cmdr. Hudson and the officers.

Chairperson Ramirez asked Cmdr. Hudson to share more information about the volunteers who answer the phone.

Cmdr. Hudson stated the volunteers come to the Community Relations' office to assist with overflow phone calls. This allows the Officers to go out and conduct community relations business.

Comm. Holley asked what seems to be biggest complaint from the people in the community.

Cmdr. Hudson they are not police-related issues. They are complaining about containers left out overnight, dumping, and high grass. They respond to those issues by issuing tickets and warnings.

OCI PRESENTATION

Chairperson Ramirez asked Chief Investigator Arnold Sheard to explain to the citizens what the Office of the Chief Investigators (OCI) functions are.

Chief Investigator Sheard stated that the role of the OCI is to receive and investigate all complaints concerning harassment, force, and procedure and so on concerning police officers and civilians who work for the department. They investigate non-criminal matters within 45 days by City Charter and within 60 days by the Consent Decree. Those investigations are forwarded to this Board for review.

Comm. Hampton asked what percentage of complaints is in favor of the complainant.

Chief Investigator Sheard stated the findings of sustainable misconduct are very low. The last study showed that less than 7% of complaints filed against police officer are actually sustainable.

Comm. Ramirez asked what the provided statistics means to the community.

Chief Investigator Sheard that the officers are doing a fine job even though there are some who are repeated offenders.

6. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chairperson Ramirez stated one of the subcommittees sat down with high-ranking officials of the department and discussed the complaints in detail. The citizens need to understand the procedures that the officers must follow. One of their functions will be to educate the public on what an officer can and cannot do.

7. NEW BUSINESS

Comm. Holley stated he is pro Police Officers, but wanted to know who started the initiative to rent Detroit Police Officers out to other businesses.

AC Godbee stated the Mayor lead an initiative to allow officers to engage in off duty work. The department looked at other agencies to see how their officers were participating in off duty work and brought that information to the Detroit Police Department. The officers are engaged in off duty work, which is guaranteed in their contract, but is not benefited by the City when they are in plain clothes. The studies have shown that the more officers are visible, the more it will benefit the City, as well as businesses and patrons. The issue of liability is that the department is liable for all police officers conduct under color of the law that they have sworn to honor whether they are on or off duty. They would only be able to work within the city limit.

Comm. Holley stated that the officers who don't live in the city would be able to do this in the city and take money out. He wanted to weigh the liability versus the assets. Vice Chair Holley further stated that this concerns him that this initiative did not come before the Board and it may not have to. If this Board plays a role, then why weren't they asked to give some input before the matter went to City Council? He provided the scenario that a police officer putting in 40 hours with the department and 30 hours elsewhere would pose a liability issue because he/she would be overworked. If a mistake is made out there, does the department come before this Board for disciplinary action? He would like to see what city that has not succeeded at this.

AC Godbee stated this is not a new issue. The reporter is reporting on it as new while it is at City Council waiting on approval.

Comm. Holley asked if it doesn't work could you get out of it.

AC Godbee stated yes, sir.

Comm. Holley stated that he really wants to know what role he plays on these major issues. If he is not in the loop then there is no reason for him to sit on this Board.

AC Godbee stated that he understood Comm. Holley's love and compassion for this city. Because of the things that happened back in the early 1960s, this Board was created as an oversight for the department. He thanked him for the dialogue and the exchange, and stated that the liability issue is that the community gets the benefits of a uniformed officer. The city is liable whether an officer is working there or is dispatched there. There are so many officers who are doing right and they don't want to penalize them so they may help them improve their family's life style and well being. Those officers who don't live in the city, their off duty work will benefit the city. Right now their off duty work can be in any city other than Detroit.

Comm. Ramirez stated for the city only.

AC Godbee stated yes, ma'am.

Comm. Ramirez asked when you rent an officer do you have to rent a scout car.

AC Godbee stated theoretically you can, the practicality of doing so is not that great. If it a small area a car is not needed.

Chairperson Ramirez stated it is her understanding that there aren't enough cars for the officers that are on duty.

AC Godbee stated that is not accurate. There were 133 new vehicles rolled out in 2007 in addition to the 2005 fleet they currently have.

Comm. Holley asked Exec Dir. Goss to inform this Board in terms of the disciplinary action in regards to them working for secondary employment.

He further stated that he has asked several times for a comprehensive assessment of the Restructuring plan to see if it is working. He would also like an update on the Consent Decree.

AC Godbee stated the Chief has asked him to reconvene a Restructuring Committee to do an assessment. At the next meeting he will be able to give a date as to when that committee will meet.

GRANT

REQUEST PERMISSION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 2007 FORENSIC DNA BACKLOG REDUCTION PROGRAM GRANT BY AND THROUGH THE MICHIGAN STATE POLICE

The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) is offering a grant opportunity to law enforcement agencies. The grant is designed to increase the output of DNA laboratories and reduce the number of DNA forensic backlogs. The Detroit Police Department is requesting \$425,000.00 for the fiscal year 2007, with no cash match. If approved, 2nd Deputy Chief Paula Lytle of Forensic Services will serve as the Project Director.

Requested funding will be used to outsource approximately 150 to 200 Uniform Crime Report (UCR), Part 1 Violent Crimes cases. Designated vendor laboratories shall provide preliminary screening and DNA analysis of sexual assault collection kits and DNA analysis of stored samples previously screened by Forensic Services. In addition, funding will be used to purchase four Maxwell[®] 16 instruments for rapid DNA extractions, as well as to contract the services of a qualified vendor laboratory to perform a series of in-house DNA validations studies, kit consumables to perform validation studies and for the vendor to provide criminal paternity testing training to our analysts.

Upon your approval, the Detroit City Council will be requested to adopt a resolution supporting this application.

MOTION: **Comm. Holley** made the motion to approve the Grant.

SECOND: **Comm. Hampton** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

RESOLUTIONS

WHEREAS Liberty Food Center is located in the Western District at 10620 McNichols, and was established in 1986 by brothers Sam and Naji Bahoura; and

WHEREAS Liberty Food Center is a welcomed site and grocery resource not only to the community but also to the citizens of Detroit; and

WHEREAS Liberty Food Center has provided excellent customer service, low prices, and quality meats and produce. Proprietors Sam and Naji Bahoura remodeled the interior and exterior of the store thereby improving the overall shopping experience for its customers; and

WHEREAS Liberty Food Center has been a continual sponsor and supporter of National Night Out, Angel's Night, Feed the Police Day, and Motor City Makeover; and

WHEREAS Liberty Food Center further serves the community with food donations to Detroit Public Schools and various community special events; and

WHEREAS Liberty Food Center has carved a niche for itself in the Western District and in the process provides a valuable resource to the community and to the city of Detroit.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED That the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners, speaking for the citizens of Detroit and the Detroit Police Department, recognizes and acknowledges the outstanding dedication and commitment to community service of Liberty Food Center. Its generous contributions to the vibrancy and quality of life in the Western District and the city of Detroit merit our highest regards and best wishes for many more years of success and partnership.

We thank and congratulate you, Liberty Food Center.

DETROIT BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

/s/ Erminia Ramirez
Chairperson

/s/ Mohamed Okdie
Commissioner

/s/ Jim Holley
Vice Chairperson

/s/ Willie Hampton Commissioner	ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS July 12, 2007	/s/ Arthur Blackwell, II Commissioner
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MOTION: Comm. Holley made the motion to approve the Resolution.

SECOND: Comm. Hampton seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

AC Godbee presented with the Certificate of Recognition from the police department.

Cmdr. Hudson presented the Spirit of Detroit Award on behalf of City Council.

N. Bahoura thanked everyone for recognizing him for this award.

WHEREAS Edward Deeb is the founder, president, and chief executive officer of the Michigan Food and Beverage Association (MFBA), head of the Michigan Business and Professional Association (MBPA), chair emeritus of the Eastern Market Merchants Association (EMMA); and was a founder and past president of Friends of Eastern Market. He has been a driving force in helping to revitalize the city of Detroit and attracting additional businesses and shoppers; and

WHEREAS Mr. Deeb has over 45 years as an association executive and industry leader, and is the chief spokesperson in working with the government, the news media and the general public; and

WHEREAS The MFBA is comprised of over 3,200 food and beverage stores, restaurants, and various suppliers of wholesalers, brokers and processors throughout Michigan. The MFBA currently has over 21,000 members who employ 160,000 persons. Mr. Deeb oversees the entire operation for the membership, including editing all publications; community, governmental and public relations; group insurance plans; educational seminars; training; expositions; consumer workshops; and other services; and

WHEREAS Mr. Deeb spearheads the crisis intervention program between merchants and residents. As co-founder and chairman of Metro Detroit Youth Day, he annually volunteers his time to coordinate the event on behalf of more than 210 youth organizations, and over 200 corporations. Metro Detroit Youth Day attracts more than 30,000 youngsters to Belle Isle each July. President George H. W. Bush and the Points of Light Foundation awarded Mr. Deeb and the Metro Detroit Youth Day event the Point of Light Award. The event also received the Governor's Award for Physical Fitness as the top youth event in Michigan. Metro Detroit Youth Day has contributed to promoting community spirit in southeastern Michigan since its inception; and

WHEREAS Mr. Deeb is involved with numerous organizations in Michigan, as well as the general community. He serves on the board and is active with the United Way for Southeast Michigan, the Salvation Army (current chairman), the Boys and Girls Clubs of Southeast Michigan, the Boy Scouts, the Detroit Police Cadets, New Detroit, Inc., the Michigan State Fair Authority Board, and the American Red Cross, to mention a few; and

WHEREAS Mr. Deeb has received numerous prestigious awards and honors for his involvement in improving the quality of life, especially in community and business relations, and for being an inspiration to young people. He was the recipient of the Michigan State University Distinguished Alumni Award and the Heart of Gold Award from United Way. In 2001, he was named Michiganiaan of the Year by the Detroit News. He was inducted into the Macomb County Foundation Hall of Fame in 2003. He has also received the Distinguished Warriors Award from the Detroit Urban League, and the Salvation Army's "Others" Award for distinguished community service; and

WHEREAS Mr. Deeb is a graduate of Michigan State University (Communication Arts and Sciences); a veteran of the United States Air Force and the Air Force Reserves. He and his wife have two children and four grandchildren; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED That the Board of Police Commissioners, speaking for the citizens of Detroit and the Detroit Police Department, proudly awards this Resolution to Mr. Edward Deeb in recognition of his distinguished and selfless service. His outstanding commitment and dedication to public service and to improving the quality of life for all citizens merits our highest regards and sincere wishes for an equally successful future.

We thank and congratulate you, Mr. Edward Deeb

DETROIT BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

/s/ Erminia Ramirez
Chairperson

/s/ Mohamed Okdie
Commissioner

/s/ Jim Holley
Vice Chairperson

/s/ Willie Hampton
Commissioner

**ADOPTED BY THE
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
July 12, 2007**

/s/ Arthur Blackwell, II
Commissioner

AC Godbee presented with the Certificate of Recognition from the police department.

Cmdr. Hudson presented the Spirit of Detroit Award on behalf of City Council.

E. Deeb thanked everyone for recognizing him for this award.

MOTION: **Comm. Holley** made the motion to approve the Resolution.

SECOND: **Comm. Hampton** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

WHEREAS The 25th Annual Metro Detroit Youth Day will be held July 11, 2007, at Belle Isle's Athletic Field in Detroit. This event is sponsored by General Motors, Spartan Stores, Inc., Detroit Free Press, Pepsi-Cola Company, Ford Motor Company, Toyota USA, AT&T, McDonalds, Sam's Club, Greektown Casino, the RARE Foundation, Big Boy Restaurants, Kroger Food Stores, MGM Grand Casino, Michigan Food & Beverage Association, Compuware, Detroit Loins, Detroit Pistons, Detroit Tigers, DTE Energy, United Way for Southeast Michigan, Detroit Recreation Department, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Michigan, Wayne County Park Systems, Fairlane Town Center, the Skillman Foundation, WDIV-TV, WWJ Newsradio 950, Penske Corporation Charity Motors, Lasalle Bank, Archdiocese of Detroit, University of Michigan-Dearborn, Davenport University, Target Stores, and a myriad of other sponsors, along with over 214 community and youth organizations, who recognize that leisure and recreation are basic human needs, and that youth must use this time wisely to improve the quality of their life and life's disciplines; and

WHEREAS Community groups and organizations such as the NAACP, Detroit Urban League, Salvation Army, Boys and Girls Clubs, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, YMCA, YWCA, Focus: HOPE, United Way for Southeast Michigan, Detroit Police Cadets, New Detroit, Inc., Goodwill Industries, and many others are participating as co-sponsors; and

WHEREAS Outstanding and dedicated community leaders, such as, Ed Deeb of Michigan Food & Beverage Association; Dr. Tom Moss, retired Detroit Police Second Deputy Chief; Keith Bennett of Goodwill Industries; Loren Jackson Director of Detroit Recreation Department; Sergeant Curtis Perry of Detroit Police Cadets; and Dr. Lynne Boyle of the Kiwanis Club, are co-chairing this event along with more than 1,000 volunteers to supervise the 30,000 youths expected to attend; and

WHEREAS Metro Detroit Youth Day, the largest youth event in Michigan, emphasizes the need for physical education facilities and fitness, as well as the need for good sportsmanship, college scholarships, and community service; and

WHEREAS Metro Detroit Youth Day is intended to bring together the community and the private sector to enhance relationships and improve cooperation and harmony in our communities; and

WHEREAS It is acknowledged that our youth are valuable assets to our communities and the foundation of our future; and

WHEREAS Metro Detroit Youth Day provides an opportunity for youth to participate in constructive activities outside their immediate home areas, working with other young people and numerous volunteers; an

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED That the Board of Police Commissioners, on behalf of the Detroit Police Department and the citizens of Detroit, recognizes the exemplary service and contributions of all who are involved in the 25th Annual Metro Detroit Youth Day. Your acknowledgement that our youths are valuable assets and the foundation of our future merits our highest regards and best wishes for continued success.

We thank and congratulate Metro Detroit Youth Day on its Silver Anniversary.

DETROIT BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

/s/ Erminia Ramirez
Chairperson

/s/ Jim Holley
Vice Chairperson

/s/ Mohamed Okdie
Commissioner

/s/ Willie Hampton
Commissioner

**ADOPTED BY THE
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS /s/ Arthur Blackwell, II
July 12, 2007 Commissioner**

AC Godbee presented with the Certificate of Recognition from the police department.

Cmdr. Hudson presented the Spirit of Detroit Award on behalf of City Council.

MOTION: **Comm. Holley** made the motion to approve the Resolution.

SECOND: **Comm. Hampton** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

2. CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION: Mr. Howard Lowry

At the risk of your own safety, you disarmed a suspect during a robbery of a CVS Store in April 2007. Your extraordinary, selfless, heroic actions not only resulted in the arrest of the robbery suspect, but possibly saved the lives of others.

MOTION: **Comm. Holley** made the motion to approve the Certificate of Recognition.

SECOND: **Comm. Hampton** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

Cmdr. Hudson presented with the Certificate of Recognition from the police department.

H. Lowrey thanked everyone for recognizing him for this award.

8. OLD BUSINESS

1. RESOLUTIONS: SGT. BOBBIE TROTTER CMDR. GERARD SIMON

MOTION: **Comm. Holley** made the motion to approve the Resolution.

SECOND: **Comm. Hampton** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

9. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, July 19, 2007 @ 3:00 p.m.
Police Headquarters
1300 Beaubien Rm. 328-A
Detroit, MI 48226

10. ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

S. Hines stated police uniforms effect people both good and bad. She asked doesn't the Consent Decree state that they can't work overtime in outside employment.

AC Godbee stated no.

S. Hines stated that "we are not anti-police, we are anti-police brutality". She thinks there should be less police control and more involvement from the communities.

AC Godbee stated to Ms. Hines that the statement she made referencing Detroit as being the most violent city in the country was not an accurate interpretation. He further stated that there were patterns and practices of abuse by certain members as to what was legal. The Consent Decree was not based on violence from our officers but for certain practices by the department.

P. Carter stated that she wanted to thank the Western District for working with the organizations in the area.

D. Johnson asked was there going to be a restart of classes for police recruiting and are the laid-off officers back to work.

AC Godbee stated that all of the laid-off officers including those who were in the recruiting class have all been given the opportunity to come back. The department is in the process of hiring new recruits.

R. Scott stated that during the ten years that his group has been coming to these meetings, he thought both sides were making progress. On July 7th they heard about a young man who was killed. According to the witnesses that they spoke with, the scout car pulled diagonally behind the vehicle and the driver wasn't asked for a license or registration. What was the probable cause for this stop? He is concerned about state violence and it needs to be dealt with.

J. Ward stated he only gets complaints about police brutality.

R. Barden stated that police should organize an educational program for everyone, and that the educational component should be available at each meeting.

Chairperson Ramirez stated you are absolutely right.

P. Almond stated that she was not happy with the merger of the precincts. So she decided to get involved and volunteer her time at the Western District.

K. Tate stated that his organization is new and they aren't getting the service that's needed from the district. He further stated that he would like to speak with someone about the problem.

Chairperson Ramirez stated you can speak to Cmdr. Hudson.

Comm. Holley asked if it was possible to have diversity in a scout car when it is in the community.

AC Godbee stated the collective bargaining agreement stated they can't force officers to work together. By seniority officers can choose to work with their partners.

Comm. Holley asked were the contract discussions over.

AC Godbee stated yes, but as an agency, they have an obligation to train their employees on diversity.

Comm. Holley stated he brought this up because it was two non-African Americans involved in a shooting last week.

He further stated that he would like to have an independent poll as to how Detroiters feels about their police department.

Chairperson Ramirez stated we can have Ms. Griffin to look at this and come up with some ideas.

B. Wellbourn stated that he is concerned about diversity within a police car while in the community. He also wants to know if there could be a poll conducted to find out how the citizens feel about the police department.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

DANTE' L. GOSS
Executive Director
Board of Police Commissioners

DLG/rb